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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

<u>In the Specification</u>

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination.

On line 1, immediately following the title "Interface Module for Local Data

Networks" kindly insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims priority to German Application No. 199 48 897.5 filed on

October 11, 1999 and International Application No. PCT/EP00/09882 filed on October 9,

2000, the entire contents of each are hereby incorporated by reference.--

Simply to correct a typographical error, kindly replace the last paragraph on page 18

continuing onto page 19 as follows:

A first alloy system has the composition $Co_a(Fe_{1-c}Mn_c)_bNi_dM_eSi_xB_yC_z$, with M indicating

one or more elements from the group Nb, Mo, Ta, Cr, W, Ge, and/or P and $a+b+d+e+x+y+z$

$= 100$, with

Co: $a = 40 - 82$ at%,   preferably $55 < a < 72$ at%,

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